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CONSTITUTION

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[1](#)1. (SBU) In response to reftel points delivered by DCM to Deputy Foreign Minister Lyubomir Kyuchukov and Presidential Foreign Policy Advisor Zlatin Trupkov August 29, President Purvanov's office and the MFA released the following supportive statements (informal translation provided by Embassy Sofia):

[1](#)2. Statement by President Georgi Purvanov: "The Head of State expresses his satisfaction on the broad consensus achieved on the draft for a new Iraqi constitution. Despite the terror and bloodshed, the Iraqi people made an important step forward in the political process, which lays the foundation of a democratic and peaceful Iraq. The Bulgarian President hopes that the Iraqi authorities, with the assistance of the international community, will succeed in meeting the deadlines - October 15 for holding a referendum on the constitution and holding new elections in the middle of December 2005. The Republic of Bulgaria will continue to firmly support the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq."

[1](#)3. Statement by the MFA: "The Republic of Bulgaria praises the courage and resolve of the Iraqi government and the members of the Committee on the Iraqi Constitution. Despite the complicated and unstable situation in the country, at the cost of hard efforts and compromise, they have managed to present to the Parliament this project. We sincerely believe that the adoption of a new constitution will offer the opportunity for building a democratic and fair society, inevitably connected, on the one hand, with a proud history and on the other striving for a modern future corresponding to contemporary values. We hope that all the Iraqi people will support this document of crucial importance after close examination of the draft constitution. Thereby it will become a landmark in the modern history of Iraq and will be a milestone in the development of a democratic, modern and law-governed state. Bulgaria will provide its further support to the efforts of the Iraqi government and people, which may always rely on our sincere friendship."

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